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Frank P. Iacono  
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Dear Frank:

The OLIS Library's Professional Collection is one of the best resources in Rhode Island for librarians. I moved to Rhode Island in 1986 from the San Francisco area, where there was no similar professional collection outside of a university. I was delighted to find both a very useful collection and a knowledgeable librarian to facilitate using it. In the past 16 years in Rhode Island, I have worked as a public librarian and a school librarian, and turned often to the OLIS professional collection to enhance my work. In that time, I have also written four books that are guides to children's books, published by a major publisher. I found the OLIS resources helpful in researching the guides as well as in writing the articles I've had published in professional journals.

I am currently teaching a graduate course in young adult literature for URI. My students have found the OLIS library and librarian to be of great benefit while doing their research for the class, which helps train them as public and school librarians who serve teenagers.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Odean

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Great Books for Boys

Great Books about Things Kids Love

Great Books for Babies and Toddlers (forthcoming April 2003)

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